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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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**FOR: DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND DISK ARRAY APPARATUS  
CONTROL METHOD**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 18 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Request for Priority to claim the priority date of February 16, 2004.
- ☒ An Unexecuted Declaration.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	18	-20	0	x\$18 =	0.00
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